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	closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims								
4)⊠	Claim(s) 1	-24 is/are pending in the appl	ication					
•	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
·	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3,9-11 and 17-19</u> is/are rejected.							
		-8, 12-16, 20-24 is/are object						
		are subject to restriction		requirement.				
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119								
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	12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
	a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.							
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,161,139 to Win et al. in view of the examiner taking official notice.

As per claims 2, 3, 10, 11,18, 19, the examiner further takes official notice that these features are well known in the prior art for the same reason set for in the claim above.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-8, 12-16, 20-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- U. S. Patent No. 5,261,102
- U. S. Patent No. 6,014,666

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The central fax number for the office is 571 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571 272-3799.

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